	Amount asked for	Amount provided
	(Rs. crore)	(Rs. crore)
(i) Development & Construction	655.00	559.00
(ii) Maintenance	350.00	194.49

(b) Response has not been encouraging So far, Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Infra-structure Leasing and Financial Services Limited (IL&FS) for taking up Panvel bypass on NH 4 in Maharashtra.

Replacement of Old Vessels in SCI

4152. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the normal life of a freight vessels;

(b) what is the total number of vessels at present in the Shipping Corporation of India and how many of these are considered to be older than the normal life of vessel;

(c) whether any programme was evolved by the Government to remove the Old Vessels in a phased manner and how many of the old vessels are likely to be removed within the next 2/3 years; and

(d) what has been the overall impact on the Shipping Corporation of India with the increasing number of Old Vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The prescribed economic life for different types of vessels varies between 15 years and 25 years depending upon the type of the vessel and the run.

(b) At present the Shipping Corporation of India has 123 ships, out of which 6 have already completed their prescribed economic life.

(c) Shipping corporation of India sells/scraps vessels depending on the observed operating condition of the vessels as also the age norm as prescribed by the Government. When a vessel completes its prescribed economic life, a techno-economic study is carried out to assess the advisability of extending its life and a decision is taken accordingly. In the next 2/3 years, around 36 vessels of SCI fleet will complete their prescribed economic life and would thus be due for scrapping.

(d) With the increase in number of old vessels, the operating cost goes up while the financing cost comes down. The shipping Corporation of India carries out proper techno-economic study to determine the viability of the Ship, keeping in view the cost of replacement and availability of finance.

Fleet of Whiteline and Blueline Buses

4153. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while Red-line was taking an increasing toll of life, another fleet of white-blue-lined buses was inducted by State Transport Authority; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme for induction of the new fleet and the reasons prompting such fresh inductions without any modification in the operation of the killer red-line scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A fleet of 578 buses painted in sapphire blue and pearl cream colour have been given permits by S.T.A. in June, 1993 on termination of their agreement with the DTC.

The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 does not permit operation of private buses on permits obtained by DTC. Hence, the DTC terminated the agreements with them. The State Transport Authority of National Capital Territory of Delhi granted temporary permits to these buses on the same routes on which they were earlier plying in the interest of the commuters.

Complaints regarding Bus-Permits

4154. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have received any complaints to the effect that certain families have cornered a number of private bus-permits under (i) red line bus system (STA), (ii) DTC operation, (iii) the white-blue line bus system (STA) and other schemes: and

(b) if so, what steps have been and are proposed to be taken to break such monopolies and enforce socialisation of the bus-permit system in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some complaints of this nature had been received by the STA.

(b) On enquiry, it was found that the complaint was not tenable.

Development of National Highways

4155. SHRI N. E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the National Highways which are already completed so far;

(b) the names of the National Highways completed so far and what is the percentage of completion in each case;

(c) the names of the new National Highways which are proposed to be taken up for the construction during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) what steps proposed to be taken to complete works of the incomplete National Highways at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a), (b) and (d) There are 77 Nos. of National Highways in the Country with a total length of 34,058 kms. The development of National Highways is a continuous process. Improvement works are taken up on all National Highways depending upon the availability of funds.

(c) Due to meagre allocations, no new National Highway is proposed to be declared at present.

Non-utilisation of SCICI Loans

@4155A. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of loans sanctioned by SCICI to the deep-sea fishing sector for purchase of trawlers which has not been utilised;

(b) names of units which have been sanctioned loans for trawler purchase which has not been released:

(c) details of units, amount sanctioned, amount released; and

(d) what are the reasons for non-utilisation of loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Loans sanctioned to 27 deep-sea fishing companies by Shipping Credit and Investment Corporation of India have been cancelled.

(b) The information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The total assistance sanctioned and subsequently cancelled to these 27 units amounts to Rs. 47.89 crores and there were no disbursements.

(d) The reasons for non-utilisation of loans were that promoters lost interest in project due to lower catches of operating vessels, industrial relation problems etc., their inability to raise equity of the desired order; increase in vessel prices by the Shipyards and escalation in vessel cost due to devaluation.

@ Previously Unstarred question 3705, transferred from 24-8-1993.

Statement

Names of the 27 Units where assistance has been cancelled by SCICI, are given below :

1. Southern Sea Crafts Ltd.
2. Sesa Goa Ltd.
3. K-Shipyard Ltd.
4. Dana Shipping Ltd.
5. Cholamandal Shipping Co. P. Ltd.
6. Seagull Seafoods Ltd.
7. Bali Cold Storage P. ltd.
8. Coral Seafoods Ltd.
9. Shah Seafoods Ltd.
10. Motherland Ocean Products Ltd.
11. Indamar Fisheries P. Ltd.
12. Young Fisheries P. Ltd.
13. Oceanic Enterprisers and Development Ltd.